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THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 14th November, 1898. Mr. T. S. Hall, M.A., one of the vice-presidents, occupied the chair, and about 50 members and visitors were present.

REPORTS.

Mr. Chas. French, jun., reported that about ten members attended the excursion to Clayton on Saturday, 22nd October, when the orchids *Calochilus Robertsoni*, *Caladenia Menziesii*, *Diuris sulphurea* (very fine), and several other interesting plants, were collected.

Mr. F. G. A. Barnard stated that the annual picnic, held at Blackburn on Saturday, 29th October, had been a great success, those who went by the early train having had an enjoyable ramble. About fifty sat down to tea, and afterwards spent a pleasant evening, enlivened with songs, music, and recitations.

Mr. G. A. Keartland read a report of the excursion to Melton on Wednesday, 9th November, when a pleasant day was spent, and over 30 species of birds were noted, among them being the Leaden Flycatcher and Fuscous Honey-eater, both new records for the district.

PAPERS.

1. By Mr. A. J. Campbell, entitled "Notes on the Fiery Parrakeet, *Platycercus ignitus*." This contained a record of this bird from Victoria, but the author doubted whether the bird should not be considered as a variety of the common Rosella, not a separate species.

In the discussion that followed Mr. A. Coles said he regarded *P. ignitus* as a good species, and three had passed through his hands previous to the one mentioned as being in Dr. Ryan's collection. Each of these had been obtained in the district between Kyneton and Heathcote.

Mr. F. Spry said that he had had a specimen since 1869, obtained in the Whipstick country, north-west of Bendigo.

2. By Mr. F. M. Reader, communicated by Mr. G. Coghill, entitled "Contributions to the Flora of Victoria," No. 7.

The author described a new plant belonging to the genus *Tillaea* found by him at Lowan, which he had named *Tillaea acuminata*.